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re application of:
Jan Andersson

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ACQUISITION OF FORMS

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS AND REMARKS

The following is a supplement to the Amendment mailed by applicant on December 15, 2004 in the subject application.

The attached declaration (drafted in accordance with Title 28 U.S.C. section 1746) is offered as a submission of objective evidence of non-obviousness to rebut the rejections under section 103 made in the most recent Office Action.

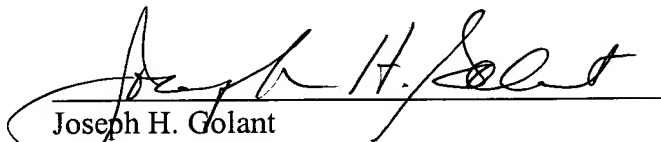
The declaration is by the inventor, who is also chief operating officer of the owner, ReadSoft AB, of the subject application, and shows that software based on the claimed invention disclosed in the application has achieved commercial success not only in the United States but worldwide. It is noted that in paragraph 3 of the declaration, it is stated that the software's growth rate is "a robust 25 percent." It is also noted that ReadSoft AB, which started its business

from scratch, enjoys a market share of at least 30 percent and that it took at least a year for competition to even appear in the marketplace.

Once again, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider all of the rejections made in the last Office Action and indicate allowance.

Dated: January 11, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

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